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Hi all,

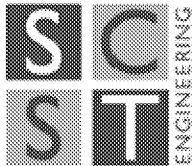
Here is a spreadsheet with the properties we lack access for in Zone 2 and 3 as of today. I've included available field notes column in case that is helpful to future searches.

If a property has an owner with their address in East Chicago, we have made (in some cases multiple) attempts to knock on the owner's door—and have thus far been unsuccessful in contacting the owner.

For properties with an owner's address elsewhere, we have sent letters requesting access to their property. Some of these letters have come back undeliverable, but most have just gone without a reply from the property owner.

Thanks,

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Rik,

Get me addresses and City may help.

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Tom:

Do you have a listing of the address, and parcel numbers with owner name? That would be very helpful.

The City has to formally request tax certificates for tax delinquent properties, then go through a process to perfect title to the property. While that process plays out, and before the a judge orders that the City be granted the tax deed, properties will still appear under the original owner's name. Its possible that some of these properties are working their way through that process. I can check if you provide a list of addresses, parcel numbers, etc.

Otherwise, we can check City records to see if we have any information which can lead to the owner of record. For instance, with one water main break at the curb stop a month or two ago, it happened that I knew the landlord personally and had his contact information in my phone. So, we'll do what we can to track down property owners to keep the clean up moving as best we can.

Thanks,
 Carla

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Attached is a Figure showing the properties that we still need access for sampling. We have now been using a Civil Investigator and will be going to the Lake County Recorder of Deeds office to look further into access at these

properties. We have been using the assessor's office for addresses but many letters are being returned. Also, we need to understand what the process is if the owner dies and no title is transferred. What is the period of time before the property reverts to the city?

Also, I am recommending that we send a stern letter to the 3 railroads to see if that will get us access. A stern letter to the retirement home (large red box) in Zone 2 that has refused access may also be a good idea since it is likely contaminated.

We have 103 properties in Zone 2 and 50 properties in Zone 3 that require access. We are about done with sampling all the properties in Zone 2 that we have access.